Ezhuvas	1	1
Brahmins	1	1
	6	2

Villages Comprising the Pazhayannur Constituency and Revenue collections.

50. Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the names of the villages that comprise Pazhayannur constituency, the land revenue collection of each village for 1104 and their population ?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—Vide statement appended. (*Appendix VII*).

Reduction of Land Revenue due to floods.

51. Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Diwan Peishkar, while visiting Kondazhi village office, received representations from parties affected by the recent floods praying for a reduction of the land revenue of the affected areas;

(2) if so, were any orders passed ?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) The Tahsildar was personally directed to make recommendations in the matter.

Shifting of the Maharaja's College.

52. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state what action has been taken regarding the shifting of the Ernakulam College to Anappara ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—The draft declaration for the acquisition of the site is awaited from the Diwan Peishkar. The preparation of estimate and plan is engaging the attention of the Public Works Department.

Defalcation in the Stamp Office.

53. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether defalcations in the Office of the Superintendent of Stamps have been recently found out; if so, the name of the officer and the amount defalcated by him;

(b) the number of times he defalcated and the names of the Superintendents in whose times each defalcation took place;

(c) the officer who detected the defalcation;

(d) the date of each defalcation;

(e) when was the accounts of the office inspected by the audit department last;

(f) whether any defalcation by the same officer on a previous occasion was detected by the Superintendent at any time

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and excused by him; if so, when and what was the nature of the defalcation and the amount;

(g) whether the Comptroller of Accounts took any action regarding same; if so, what was the action taken?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The matter is *sub judice*, and no information can be furnished at this stage.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is every item of the question *sub judice*? There are different sections to the question. Are all these *sub judice*?

President.—The point is, if any matter is *sub judice*, no question can be asked in respect of that matter.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—'When were the accounts of the office inspected by the audit department last?' How can that be *sub judice*? That has no connection with the defalcation.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I would give the information now. That particular branch of the office was never included in the local audit programme at all. It never used to be audited.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Why was it not audited?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There are several offices which are not thought necessary to be audited. It is one of those.

Cochinites in British Indian Service and Colleges.

54. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they are aware that Cochinites are not entertained in the Government Department in the Madras Presidency for the sole reason of their Cochin domicile;

(2) is the Government aware that in the printed application forms for appointments there is a column for entering the domicile;

(3) is the Government aware that admission in the Madras Government Colleges is refused to Cochinites because of their nativity;

(4) what action does Government intend to take to remove the said disability;

(5) (a) was there a Government Circular issued during the time of the late Diwan that only Cochinites will be entertained in Cochin service;

(b) was the said Rule or Circular ever cancelled;

(c) have there been appointments in Cochin service to posts carrying Rs. 50 and above of British Malabar subjects since the promulgation of the said Circular; if so, their names; were not equally qualified and competent Cochinites available for appointments to these posts?

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